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Port Almanac—February 17.

Sun Rises	6.48 A M
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High Water at Wilmington	9.07 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE.
WEATHER BUREAU.
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 17.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 56°; 8 p. m., 50°; maximum, 59°; minimum, 50°; mean, 54°.

Rainfall for the day, .89; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 2.76.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 15.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 16 3 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Warmer, winds shifting to southerly.

OUTLINES.

The Treasury Secret Service recovers valuable documents which were stolen from the Congressional Library. —— Clearance papers will be issued to the steamer Bermuda if affidavits are made as to her destination. —— A train makes the run from Chicago to Denver, 9,026 miles, in eighteen hours and fifty-two minutes. —— Mr. Chandler, of New Hampshire, made a three hours' speech in favor of bimetallism. —— The House failed to pass a pension bill over the President's veto. —— Governor Bradley, of Kentucky, has fixed Saturday, March 20h, for the execution of Jackson and Walling, the Pearl Bryan murderers. —— A Greek occupation of the island of Crete is proclaimed; none of the foreign warships have landed any men, except at Canea; all business at Canea is suspended; the action of the Greeks excites admiration in Italy, and numbers of Italians have started to Crete for the purpose of volunteering. —— Two murderers were hanged at Clayton, Mo. —— The Mayor of Indianapolis will be arrested for violating the Nicholson Temperance law. —— A meeting of prominent railroad men in Charleston, S. C., to discuss rate questions in the Southeastern territory. —— Arthur Duestrow was hanged at St. Louis, Mo., for the murder of his wife and child. —— Corbett and Fitzsimmons have gone to Nevada, where they will go into training for their fight. —— In the Flanagan murder trial at Decatur, Ga., testimony is introduced to prove that the prisoner was insane. —— The anti-scalping bill to be reported in the Senate makes it unlawful for any one, except persons authorized by railroad companies, to sell tickets. —— New York markets: Money on call easy at 1¼@1¾ per cent., last loan at 1¼ per cent., closing offered at 1¾ per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 7 1-16c; Southern flour was quoted unchanged—common to fair extra $2 80@2 50; good to choice $3 60@4 00; wheat—spot market was moderately active and easier; No. 2 red free on board 89⅞c; corn—spot market was dull and easier; No. 2 28½c at elevator and 29½c afloat; rosin quiet—strained common to good $1 70; spirits turpentine steady at 29@29½c.

Nickolas Christodoulakis, the chief of the Cretans, not only inherited a name, but is adding to it. He is raising old Nick over there.

A cousin of Barney Barnato says his true name was Berele Buallolegesky, but that was too much for him to handle and he dropped it for Barney Barnato.

A Chicago man claims that the California fellows who have produced that flying machine stole the model from him. This is a flying report from the windy city.

Philadelphians consumed last year 1,996,734 barrels of beer, an increase of 177,360 barrels over 1895. But the drinking water of Philadelphia has more coal dust and loam in it than there is in beer.

There is a bill before the Alabama Legislature making it a hanging offense to attempt to wreck a railroad train. It ought to pass. They have such a law in California and ought to have it in every State.

Liliuokalani says she didn't mean it when she abdicated, that it was done under duress, and that she didn't sign her true, royal official name. But she got down all the same, and her going counts.

The Baltimore *Sun* remarks that the break of the steel pool and the drop of prices from $28 ta $18 a ton ought to give Mr. Dingley a pointer. But it will not. Mr. Dingley isn't looking for pointers of that kind.

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The toll gate festivities continue in Kentucky. A few days ago 150 men rode into Vanceburg to the residence of the county judge, and informed him that in a twenty-five mile canter on the turnpike they had removed five toll gates, and then rode out. The Judge didn't insist on their remaining to dine with him, in fact he didn't ask them to come to see him again after the next batch was removed.

The Spanish Minister at Washington claims that the Spaniards have a right to board an American vessel and examine suspected persons without asking the consent of the captain of the vessel or saying anything about it. Minister De Lome will discover that they will not run far on that line.

The island of Crete isn't very large, but it is large enough to start what may become a very large-sized row. It contains only 2,949 square miles, and has a population of about 225,000, 50,000 of whom are Mohammedans, the remainder being Christians of the Greek Church.

A German inventor has hit upon a new method of putting soles on shoes. It is a sort of concrete mixture of crushed quartz and waterproof cement which he spreads to the desired thickness on the insole, They are said to be flexible and very durable.

The long fibre cotton growers in Pierce county, Ga., are moving for a protective duty of 5 cents a pound on cotton. They will not get it, but are quite as much entitled to it as the potato growers of the North are to a duty on potatoes.

A Kentucky man not satisfied with escaping lynching, now proposes to sue the would-be lynchers for damages because they didn't lynch him. If they had lynched him he never would have thought of damages.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CLYDE LINE—Sailing days.
SEABOARD AIR LINE—Schedule.
PETERSON & RULFS—Prevent la grippe

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE

Of the Warren Bros.—Their Stock Levied on by the Sheriff.

Last September two white men strangers, arrived in the city and opened a store on the corner of Fourth and Nixon streets, under the firm name of Warren Bros. Their stock consisted of groceries, etc., and of which they seemed to have a considerable sale. Things moved on smoothly until Monday, when the store was not opened at the usual hour. Rumors were soon abroad that there had been foul play, and that the Warren Bros. were either sick or dead in the store. Monday afternoon Chief of Police Melton sent Sergeant Lossen to the store to investigate. Sergeant Lossen went over to the store and had the door forced open, but no hing of a mysterious nature was discovered.

As the Warrens did not turn up yesterday Messrs. J. H. Rehder & Co., Mat. J. Hever, A. S. Winstead, R. W. Hicks and John Farmer went before Justice Bunting and obtained judgments to the amount of $150. Later in the day the sheriff levied upon the Warren Bros.' stock.

Rumors say that the med have gone to New York city, while others say that they have only gone in the country to spend a few days.

Attempted Burglary Early Yesterday Morning.

Burglars broke into the office of the Armour Packing Company, on Campbell street between Second and Third, early yesterday morning. Yardmaster Weeks saw three men standing near the building and also perceived that one of the windows was hoisted. He hurried off to get help and returned with the W. & W. watchman and the engineer of one of the yard engines. The burglars had made good their escape. They were tracked as far as Third street. A search revealed that nothing had been disturbed further than the opening of several drawers in which there were no valuables.

Forty-first Anniversary.

The Howard Relief Fire Engine Company No. 1 will do things "up brown" to-day, the occasion being their forty-first anniversary, and it goes without saying that the day will be celebrated in an appropriate manner. At 10 o'clock this morning there will be the usual engine practice, immediately followed by a banquet at the Adrian Hall. To-night it will end with a big ball.

— Travel is fairly heavy these days, but it is noticeable that the great proportion of the names on the hotel registers are those of commercial travellers. The "Knight of the Grip" is putting in some good work just now.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. C. E. Brower, of Greensboro, arrived last evening.

— Mr. J. B. Dawson, N. C., was a hotel signature yesterday.

— Mr. J. W. Powell, of Columbus county, was in the city yesterday.

— Miss F. G. Burr, N. C., was one of yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. G. Buckner, of Florence, S. C., was registered here yesterday.

— Mr. R. N. Summerill, of Onslow county, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. J. M. Smith, of Ammon, was a visitor at the STAR office yesterday.

— Mr. E. C. Clark, of Elizabethtown, was a STAR office caller yesterday.

— Messrs. S. F. Craig and Thos. B. Morse, of Southport, were among yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. H. C. Bennett again greets the travelling public over the desk at The Orton after several days' illness with "grip."

— Mrs. W. F. Robertson and Master Frederick Robertson left yesterday for Albany, Ga., for a visit to Mrs. Robertson's parents.

— Mr. J. W. Fry, general manager of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad, and Mr. H. L. Fry, chief engineer, arrived in the city last evening.

— Mr. M. E. Cox, chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Wayne county, was in the city yesterday. Mr. A. P. Holland, a well known Republican of that city, was here also.

— The following named out-of-town merchants were here yesterday, conferring with wholesale dealers: Mr. D. Hand, Cronly; Mr. A. Wehrhahn, Robeson; Mr. M. Pait, Bladenboro; Mr. A. J. Johnson, Clear Run.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Met in Adjourned Session—Seacoast Railroad Petition For Privilege to Lay More Tracks—Suits Against the City Considered—Street Stands to Be Removed.

The Board of Aldermen met in adjourned session last night at 8.30 o'clock, to consider the petition of the Seacoast Railroad to be allowed to run three or more lines of track out of the block at the corner of Tenth and Orange streets. Aldermen Hicks, Northrop, Cameron, Nixon and Walker reported for duty at the opening of the meeting, and Alderman Gore came in later. Mayor W. N. Harriss was in the chair. E. K. Bryan, Esq., was present as the representative of the railroad.

After some discussion Alderman Northrop moved that the petition be granted, provided the number of tracks did not exceed five, the Board holding that the number ought to be limited. The motion passed unanimously.

The clerk reported that according to instructions at the last meeting he had addressed a communication to Sallie Halsey, who had filed a claim against the city for $5,000 damages, asking for a more explicit statement of her demand and a doctor's certificate as to the nature and extent of her injuries. He read a second communication received from the plaintiff in reply, with a certificate from J. H. Alston, M. D. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Harriss reported that he had investigated the grounds of Mr. Joseph S. Sneeden's claim for $150 00 for the loss of one bay mare, and had found it hard to fix the responsibility, but that in his opinion the city was liable, and he would recommend that a compromise be sought.

On motion of Alderman Northrop the matter was referred to the Finance Committee with power to compromise.

The Mayor then called attention to a complaint from Mrs. Sarah A. Kure, administratrix of H. H. Kure, against the city of Wilmington. The document read before the Board recited that on the 7th of December, 1892, Mr. H. H. Kure was run into by the pole of a fire engine, sustaining severe external and internal injuries, from which he afterwards died. The plaintiff praved judgment for $30,000 and the costs of the action. The claim was referred to the Mayor with instructions to confer with the Police Board relative to the appointment of a city attorney.

Petition of H. R. Kuhl to be allowed to make additions to four small houses on Sixth and Nixon streets, was granted.

On motion of Alderman Walker, the sum of $4 88 was ordered refunded to Mrs. L. N. Rutland, a clerical error having caused her to pay that amount of taxes in excess of the correct sum.

The request of the members of the First Presbyterian church, made through Alderman Hicks, for the erection of a gas light on Orange between Third and Fourth, was referred to the Committee on Lights, with power to act.

Alderman Hicks moved that the petition of a Syrian to set up a stand for the sale of merchandise at the intersection of Front and Market streets be not granted. The motion was carried.

On motion of Alderman Walker it was ordered that no street stands be allowed in any part of the city after the first of next month, and the Chief of Police was instructed to see that those now in use be removed. It was not clear whether huckster's stands should come under the regulation or not. It will, of course, not apply to the small stands for the sale of peanuts, apples, etc.

The sum of $1.65, paid for huckster's license for month of October, was by motion of Alderman Hicks ordered refunded to Mr. John W. Garrett, whose sickness had prevented his availing himself of hucksters' privileges.

The Board then adjourned.

— The funeral of the late Alderman John Maunder will take place this morning at 10 o'clock at his late residence, No. 11 South Eighth street.

BOARD OF AUDIT AND FINANCE.

Regular Monthly Meeting—Report of Arbitrators Agreed to—Street Improvements—City Finances—Resolutions in Regard to the Late Aldermas John Maunder.

The Board of Audit and Finance met in regular session on yesterday at 8.30 o'clock p. m., there being present William Calder, Esq., Chairman, and Messrs. Jos. H. Hanby, C. W. Yates, and H. C. McQueen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Board of Aldermen to the effect that at a meeting of the Board, on February 5th, they had approved the action of the arbitrators, Messrs. Andrew Smith, W. F. Robertson and W. M. Cumming, to whom had been submitted, by agreement, the matters in controversy between the plaintiff and defendant in a suit of Wm. A. Wright vs. The City, for clay taken from his land and used by the city. The award made to Mr. Wright was the sum of $380, and by agreement on the part of the plaintiff and defendant each is to pay the arbitrators the sum of $15. All papers in the case were also transmitted.

On motion, the action of the Board of Aldermen was concurred in.

The contract, duly signed by all parties, of T. E. Wallace and E. G. Parmele, for the improvement with quell of Castle street from Front to Seventh streets; also Third street from Red Cross to Dock streets; also Fourth street from Market to Ann streets, and bond in sum of $1,000 for faithful performance of contract, with N. B. Rankin and Samuel W. S. Skinner as sureties, were both approved.

In the matter of the remission of taxes on a piece of property owned by Orion Lodge I. O. O. F., it was ordered that the Lodge be relieved from the payment of $57.01 taxes prior to 1899, and $31 88 taxes for the year 1896.

The clerk submitted a statement of the examination of the books of the treasurer for December, 1896, showing cash on hand December 1st, $10 891 84; receipts for the month, $38,791 25—total, $49,183 09. Disbursements for the month, $17,530.39, cash balance to January account, $31,652 70—total, $49,-183.09. Statement of cash deposits: Deposited with Murchison & Co., $8,078.24; Atlantic National Bank, $7,900 98; National Park Bank, New York city, $6,125; Blair & Co., bankers, New York city, $5,000; cash on hand, $4,553.48—total, $31,652.70.

Bills were audited and approved as follows, viz: For current expenses, $1,-103 03; for expenses on coupons, $12.50; for refunded taxes, $78.89.

The chairman announced to the Board the death, which occurred on the 15th inst., of Mr. John Maunder, late a member of the Board of Aldermen from the Third ward, and had read a communication from the Board of Aldermen, also conveying the sad intelligence and requesting that this Board join with them in attending the funeral in a body on the 17th inst., at 10 o'clock a. m.; the two Boards to meet at the City Hall for that purpose at 9.30 o'clock a. m. It was

Resolved, That the Board of Audit and Finance learns, officially, with sincere regret, of the death of Mr. John Maunder, late a member of the Board of Aldermen.

Resolved further, That this Board accepts the invitation of the Board of Aldermen to attend the funeral, with them, in a body.

OPERA HOUSE.

The Merry Minstrels, Primrose & West, To-night—La Loie To-morrow Evening.

"Hot Time in Old Town To-night." Although that is the title of George H. Primrose's latest song, it may be aptly used as a beginning to this article. For at this writing 'tis safe to say that the Opera House will be packed to its doors and a "hot time had there to-night.

Primrose & West have always been the favorites in minstrelsy of our theatregoers and it will be remembered that upon the occasion of their last visit to this city the largest audience that ever assembled in the Opera House—over twelve hundred people—were on hand to greet them.

Primrose & West bring to us this season a colossal company of seventy "Kings of Minstrelsy," composed of forty white and thirty genuine colored artists, headed by that great fun-maker and our favorite, George Wilson.

Watch for the great Primrose and West parade to-day with their double company and two bands of music. Reserved seat sale will remain at Gerken's until 6 o'clock this evening.

LA LOIE FULLER COMES TO MORROW NIGHT.

No living being has created such a furor the world over as has La Loie and her marvellous creations in dances. When she appeared in Paris, the papers were all ringing with her praises and the shop windows were all ablaze with La Loie's bonnets, dresses, hats, and in fact all the leading styles in woman's wear. Her name is a household word all over Europe.

Seats are now on sale at Gerken's, at $1 50 and $1.00.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—39 bales cotton, 18 bbls tar.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—88 bales cotton, 89 bbls rosin.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—11 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 100 bbls rosin, 6 bbls tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—1 bale cotton, 17 casks spirits turpentine, 110 bbls rosin, 153 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 89 bales; spirits turpentine, 23 casks; rosin, 249 bbls; tar, 173 bbls.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SENSATIONAL SCENE IN THE HOUSE.

Bill Authorizing the Governor to Bring Suit to Annul Lease of N. C. R. R. Passed the House—Bill Introduced to Amend Charter of Newbern—Bill to Elect Railway Commissioners by Popular Vote Was Tabled.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, February 16.—House bills introduced to-day—To prohibit the sale of liquor within two miles of political meetings, this not to apply to cities where there is a police force; to amend the charter of Newbern, giving it six wards, with a councilman to be elected every four years from each, the first election in in May next, five councilmen to be appointed by the Governor, the eleven councilmen to elect a mayor to serve four years, also a chief of police and two sergeants of police, who in the mayor's absence shall have power to take bond or collateral for appearance; to make it a misdemeanor for any person to perform a marriage service who is not authorized; to allow any justice of the peace to provide himself with seals to attest by same his official signature; to allow preachers to vote without ninety days residence in county and thirty days in township.

By Mr. Meares, to establish a dispensary in Bladen county.

A bill was passed to incorporate Saratoga, Wilson county.

The bill providing that no county be liable to pay the costs of any action exclusively in the jurisdiction of magistrates was tabled.

The bill to amend the lease of the North Carolina Railroad, being the special order, came up at noon. There was a majority report favoring the bill, signed by six of the seven members of the special committee, and a minority report, signed by Mr. Aiken, Republican. The committee presented a substitute for the original bill as its report. The majority report was first read, then the minority report. The latter declares the bill to be the deadliest blow ever struck at the interests of Western Carolina. It was agreed that the discussion last three hours, Mr. Schulken opened the debate for the bill. Mr. Freeman spoke against it, as did Blackburn, Murphy, Person, Hawkins, Sutton, and Cook spoke in favor of the bill. Mr. McCrary said the lease was made too early and too long, but it was a valid contract and he favored standing by it. He said he would give dollars not to vote; referred to the Governor's ignoring Attorney General Waiser. Cook said there were but three propositions: Shall foreign corporations be required to do business under the control of North Carolina? 2. Shall the lease which has been made by the directors be tested in the courts? 3. Shall railroad monopolies be suppressed in North Carolina? He said everything also is to enforce and carry out these provisions. The Seaboard has been *injected* to divert attention from these propositions. The Seaboard has nothing to do with this matter. The Southern Railway is clinging to the lease with a death grip because it is to their interest. The previous question called by Cook at 8.30. The minority report was lost. Yeas, 53; nays 62. In explaining his vote, Howe, of New Hanover, caused great sensation. He said, "This very day Governor Russell, the promoter of this bill, sent for me to come to his office and there in his dictatorial and tyrannical manner, for I presume he is perhaps in the employ of the S. A. L." At this instance Hancock raised a great shout of "Order!" and others joined in it. Lowe moved that Howe be allowed to speak longer. Others said his time was out, but he said no more as there were cries of "Object!" "Object!"

The vote on the lease bill on its third reading was: Yeas 60, nays 54. Hancock moved to put a clincher on it. This was done.

President Alexander petitioned the Senate that the $3,500 appropriation to the Firemen's Association be continued.

Bills were introduced to prohibit the sale of liquor within three miles of Hilton Chapel, Richmond county; to establish a board of steam locomotive and boiler inspectors for each county of the State; bill to amend section 1276 of the Code relating to foreclosure of trusts; to give suitors time to bring suit after adverse decisions of the Supreme Court; to authorize acceptance of bonds given to railroad, express and telegraph companies when given in an indemnity company that is perfectly solvent.

Bills passed to incorporate Pigsford Sanitarium for the treatment of consumptive negroes; to renew the charter of the Wilmington, Norfolk & Charleston Railway.

The Senate refused to concur in the bill to amend the stock law in Wayne. The bill to establish a reformatory was made the special order for to-morrow. The bill to reduce passenger, steamboat, express and telegraph and telephone lines was taken up. The bill forbids free passes to public officials. An amendment was offered by Ray to provide for the election of Railway Commissioners by popular vote. A motion was made to table the bill. It was tabled, yeas 24, nays 23.

At the night session the House passed a bill providing for a change in the management of the Penitentiary by a vote of 58 to 36. Nearly all the majority Populists voted with the Democrats. The bill taking possession of the Agricultural Department and the A. & M. College also passed. Only six Democrats voted for the bill to amend the lease. They were Carthe, Lawhorne, Hartness, Pearson, Nelson and Lyle. Twenty Republicans voted for the bill and thirty-four against. It is stated that if the clause providing that no railway should parallel the North Carolina road had been included in the bill it would have been defeated. It is generally conceded that the lease will pass the Senate and become a law. Governor Russell flew into an angry passion in the executive office to-day and cursed Representative Howe, ordering him out of the office. Russell sent Dave B. Sutton to tell Howe that he wanted to see him. Howe accompanied Sutton to the executive office. Howe says the Governor shook hands with him and said he was glad to see him. Sutton opened the conversation by saying that Howe was a little wrong on the lease question, but he believed he would vote right. "I am favorable to the Southern," said Howe, "but I desire to hear the Governor before casting my vote." Howe says that Russell became enraged without any provocation at his statement and blurted out "No, I've got nothing to say to the G—— d—— scoundrel. He is sold out. All the d——d negroes have gone back on me. Get out of my office, you scoundrel." Howe says he told the Governor that he had sided and worked with him and was not bought, and then left his office. "I want to say one thing," said Howe, "I am black, but I won't be run over. If Governor Russell says to me on the streets what he said to me in his office there will be another Governor of North Carolina." Howe announced his intention of repeating the conversation on the floor of the House. Russell's friends advised him not to do so.

There is a revolt among some of the Republican members of the Legislature. There is a movement to have the Legislature name all the directors of all the institutions. Several members threaten to hold up the Legislature unless this is done.

ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES

And Annual Concert of the Young Men's Christian Association Last Night—A Rare Programme of Music, Etc.

The anniversary exercises and annual concert of the Young Men's Christian Association was given last night at the Association's building. A large crowd had gathered, anticipating an enjoyable evening, and they were certainly not disappointed, for the few hours spent listening to some choice vocal selection or instrumental recital, besides the reports of the president and treasurer and an interesting talk by the secretary, will be remembered by all with a keen sense of pleasure.

A rare musical melange had been arranged for the occasion, the first number of which was a violin duet, "Estudiantina," by Miss Norma Foster and Master Frank St. John. Both performers were the recipients of hearty applause, and deservingly so.

Mr. C. H. Cooper next sang "Dreams," his sweet tenor voice filling the entire auditorium, and winning for him hearty applause. A vocal selection, "Let Me Love Thee," was then rendered by Miss Carrie White, and she, too, came in for a big share of the applause, which showed that the audience appreciated her fine soprano voice. Master James Craft then gave a selection on the piano, followed by a recitation, "Renyi," by Mr. Dan'l Russell Foster. It has been the writer's pleasure on several occasions to listen to recitations by Mr. Foster, and it always ends by the auditor wanting "more." Mr. Foster has a clear distinct voice and graceful gestures.

The next number was a vocal solo, "Ah! When Thine Eyes of Azure," by one of Wilmington's favorite soprano singers, Mrs. Watters. An additional selection was demanded of Mrs. Watters, which she obligingly granted.

The next number was a violin solo, "Scherzino," by Master Frank St. John. Master St. John possesses a rare gift as a violinist, which the audience fully realized and bestowed upon him flattering applause.

One of the most pleasing features was the quartette (instrumental), which followed next, by Master Frank St. John (1st), violin; Miss Louise Corbett (2nd), violin; Miss Norma Foster, viola; Miss Bessie Burtt, violoncello.

The musical portion of the programme was concluded by a vocal duet, "Romanza," by Miss Carrie White and Mr. C. C. Cooper, which proved a rare treat and won the plaudits of those present.

Just before the end of the foregoing programme was reached Mr. A. J. Howell, Jr., president of the Association, Mr. P. Heinsberger, Jr., treasurer, Mr. Thos. C. Diggs, general secretary, and Rev. R. A. Willis took seats upon the platform.

At the conclusion of the programme Rev. R. A. Willis opened the anniversary exercises with prayer, after which President Howell and Treasurer Heinsberger read their annual reports. An interesting talk, "Behind the Scenes," was then given by Mr. Thos. C. Diggs, general secretary. In his talk Mr. Diggs described different incidents in the history of the association, especially relative to young men. His talk was a masterly effort, upon the conclusion of which he received many congratulations.

The participants in the concert were accompanied on the piano by Miss Cannie Chasten and Miss Bessie Burtt.

Preparing to Enlarge.

The Wilmington Gas Light Company is making preparations to enlarge its plant considerably. They are putting in a 300 horse power cross-compound automatic boiler engine. This work is under the direction of Mr. Wm. C. Boulden, of Baltimore, who arrived in the city yesterday. He is employed by Crook, Horner & Co., steam and hydraulic engineers, Baltimore, Md. A new dynamo will be put in also and will be furnished by the General Electric Company, of New York.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents. This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance

— Considerable rowdyism was displayed on the streets Monday night, and many a gate was missing yesterday morning.

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We Ofier During the Coming Week a
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French Felt Hats, latest styles and colors, choice for	50c
Gloria Umbrellas for	59c
Fine Silk Umbrellas, natural and crook stick, for	$1 23
Gents' Percale Laundered Shirts with attached Collars and Cuffs, for	33c
A 50 cent Corset for	33c
Black and Colored Ostrich Tips, 3 in a bunch	25c
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THE TARIFF AND THE CURRENCY.

It is now said, with how much truth we do not know, that in his call for an extra session of Congress Mr. McKinley will embrace the tariff and the currency, the tariff to be disposed of first, that being in Mr. McKinley's opinion the most important.

The reason ostensibly for this speedy convening of the new Congress is to supply the Government with the revenue needed to meet current expenses, and they are therefore trying to patch up a tariff bill that will bring in $60,000,000 more than the present tariff does, and to do that they will have to increase the tariff on articles that are largely used by the American people, which means that the American people will not only be taxed these $60,000,000 but will also be taxed for the larger part that goes into the pockets of American manufacturers and producers of articles taxed in the shape of protection, that is where the Government gets 25 cents in duty, the beneficiary of protection will get 50 cents. But it isn't so much the desire to provide the Government with revenue which expedites the convening of Congress, as the desire to give the protected the benefit of it as soon as possible and thus discharge the debt due them for the part they took in the nomination and election of McKinley, and for the money they pooled to secure his nomination and election. By passing a tariff bill as soon as possible after Mr. McKinley's entry in office, will give the protected the benefit of at least a year sooner than if they waited for the regular time of the convening of Congress.

But there may be another reason. The Republican protectionists will have the House of Representatives in the 55th Congress, but they are not sure that they will have it in the succeeding Congress, and hence while they think the way clear they are anxious to push their tariff bill through and take no chances of letting it go over to the regular time of meeting, which would shorten the time for discussion and put it more in their power to defeat it by obstructive tactics if its opponents decided to adopt these.

Mr. McKinley doubtless hopes to get the tariff bill through without a protracted contest, and he could do this if the Senate could be managed like the House, but as it can't be the probabilities are that after it has passed the House, with as much or as little debate as the majority may allow, it will run up against some gentlemen in the Senate who will insist on doing a good deal of talking on it. They may finally let it pass, as in 1893 they decided to let pass the bill for the repeal of the purchase clause in the Sherman act, but it will not be until it has been thoroughly discussed, and it will not be either until there has been some understanding between the tariff managers and the Republican silver Senators and Populists, who will hold the balance of power and can defeat the tariff if they so determine.

We have our doubts whether the call will embrace the currency question, and very few thought it would before this announcement was made, but the probabilities are that it will come up in some shape anyway, for extra sessions, especially when one House is politically differently constituted from the other, are difficult to handle or keep within the lines chalked out. If the currency question comes up, with the Senate constituted as it will be, the discussion will take a very wide range, with very little likelihood of doing more than discussing it, unless as a result of some agreement entered into to smooth the way of the tariff some now unexpected concessions should be made to silver. Some of the Republican Senators, notably Senators Hoar and Chandler, are manifesting a disposition, judging from their bimetallic speeches, to do that. Possibly Senator Wolcott may get through feeling the European pulse by that time and may be able to report progress, which will not, we think, be difficult to do; but unless Mr. McKinley can discover definitely before he makes his call what the chances may be for an international conference it seems to us that inviting Congress to take up the currency question in extra session would be anticipating and obstructing the movement for an international conference. To handle the currency question with the international conference question still pending, would hamper the discussion, for the satisfactory settlement of that question will hinge to a great extent on whether that conference is to meet, and if it does meet, upon whether it will take any definite action upon silver. This is a contingency which must be considered in any scheme of currency reform which may be presented, for the status of silver, present or prospective, cannot be eliminated from such a discussion, and must have its weight in the action that may be taken. For these reasons we do not think that Mr. McKinley is anxious to include the currency in his call, and doubt very much that he will.

MINOR MENTION.

The gentlemen who have heretofore endeavored in our Legislature to secure the passage of bills taxing dogs have not met with much success, but this is no reason why the efforts should be abandoned, for the world is growing more progressive and even legislatures catch on to sensible movements. We therefore commend the courage and persevering spirit of the gentleman who has introduced in the House a bill to tax dogs. We have no idea that the bill will become a law, but that is no reason why it isn't a good bill and shouldn't become a law. It is very moderate, too moderate, for it imposes a tax of only 50 cents and $1 per head, which anybody who wants to keep a dog, or a reasonable number of dogs, can afford to pay, if they can afford to feed a dog or dogs. But if the tax was only 5 to 10 cents it would probably fall of passage, because the average legislator would run from it about as fast as he would run from the bubonic plague, or a female book agent. This is in accordance with an old ante-deluvian idea that the dog is a privileged rover which has the right to go whithersoever it pleases without carrying any collar, paying any tax or answering any questions. This is somewhat remarkable as far as the State at large is concerned when there isn't a town of any size in the State in which dogs are not taxed, and multitudinous dogs in the towns are not half as much of a nuisance as they are in the country. Strange to say the principal opposition to taxing them comes from the rural districts which are most interested in having them taxed and the number reduced, for with this nuisance abated the farmers might raise ten sheep to the one they do now.

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There seems to be a movement on foot in this State to bring Col. Jas. E. Boyd, of Greensboro, to the front for a place in Mr. McKinley's Cabinet. He is said to have the support of Senator Pritchard and of Governor Russell, and he has some friends in Washington, too, looking after his interests, judging from the press dispatches they send out. Personally Mr. Boyd is a clever fellow, and mentally he is pretty well equipped. He is popular because although a thorough partisan he is liberal-minded, and we have no doubt that he would come up to the requirements if appointed to the place he aspires to, Secretary of the Interior. It is understood that one or two of the three remaining appointments will be made from the South, but we do not think it very likely that North Carolina or Jim Boyd will be in it. He may have been an "original McKinley man," if we judge from the letters that are being published to catch Mr. McKinley's eye, but the woods are full of these—so full that the Cabinet wouldn't begin to hold them without the addition of several annexes of considerable size. Our impression is that Jim isn't counting much on the Cabinet, but is putting himself in line for something "equally as good," and as he has always pulled in the traces without kicking, supported the party through thick and thin, did some heavy striking for McKinley before and after his nomination, and pulled out from the Gubernatorial contest when he stood a good chance of a nomination, he is entitled to consideration in the distribution of the rewards.

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The Chicago *Tribune* keeps tab on the murders, suicides, embezzlements, forgeries, &c., committed in this country, and presents its report for 1896, which shows a total $9,465,951, as compared with $10,465,921 for 1895, $25,234,112 for 1894, and $19,939,692 for 1893. The stealings last year averaged about $788,826 per month. The number of embezzlements reported is 340, in which fourteen persons stole over $5C,000 each, two over $100,000 each, one over $500,000, and one over $1,000,000. The losses are thus distributed: County and city officials got away with $1,393,975, banks lost $3,996,570, loan associations $479,587, agents lifted $1,045,692, forgers $341,500, and postmasters $32,815, other stealings $2,175,782. The following is a statement of defalcations from 1878 to 1896, inclusive:

1878....	$2,784 000	1888....	$2,940,000
1879....	2.754 000	1889....	8.600 000
1880-81.	4.888.000	1890....	8 662.056
1883 ...	2,900,000	1891....	10,730.249
1888....	2 850.000	1892....	8,837,547
1884....	23.154 000	1893....	19,939,609
1885....	3 475,000	1894....	25.234.112
1886....	3 780,000	1895	10 423,905
1887....	4,550.000	1896....	9,465 921

Here is an aggregate of nearly $153,000,000, or an average of not far from $8,000,000 a year for eighteen years. It would be interesting to make a comparison between these and the eighteen preceding years, if we had the figures, as showing the bearing that money conditions may have upon crimes of this kind. According to this report in Alabama, Florida, Idaho, Maine, Virginia and Wyoming there were no defalcations, and in Arkansas, Delaware, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Washington they did not aggregate $10,000.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Shelby *Aurora*: Corn is in demand in this market. Some of our merchants are having to ship it in supply the local trade.

— Wilkesboro *Chronicle*: The grip seems to have sway in Ashe as well as Wilkes, and there are a lot of deaths over there among the old people.

— Charlotte *Observer*: Mr. R. Boston Wallace, a prominent citizen of this county, died Sunday at his home at Sardis. Mr. Wallace was 70 years of age.

— Salisbury *World*: Virgil Foard, the oldest living man in Rowan county, was in town to-day. "Uncle Virgil," as he is familiarly known was 101 years old last November and still retains possession of active mental faculties and his eyesight is good. He walked to town this morning, a distance of six miles, and back to his home this evening.

— Lexington *Dispatch*: Some time ago Mr. R. L. McCrary purchased a lot of chickens. In removing them from one coop to another one got loose and was chased into the cellar by a crowd of boys. Last week while cleaning out the cellar Mr. McCrary found the chicken hidden in a barrel, where it had been just five weeks without water or food. It was very weak and partly blind, but after feeding it awhile it regained its strength and is now living and doing well.

— High Point *Enterprise*: While digging the well deeper at the Globe Furniture Company last Wednesday the workmen struck a vein of ore which looked like gold. —— Down in Randolph on Mr. Dougan Davis' place there is a reed swamp about a quarter of a mile long. At this season of the year the robins, which are plentiful, roost in the reeds. After dark the people down there go into the swamps with lights and bags and the birds are caught by the bagful. One man caught 500 robins in this way one day last week.

— Concord *Times*: W. C. Coleman informs us that a meeting will be held here on the 22nd inst. by the stockholders of the Coleman Manufacturing Company (colored) to organize by electing officers, etc. Coleman went to Raleigh this morning for the purpose of securing a charter under which to operate. It now seems an assured fact that the mill will be built. It will be erected on the Corl lands on the other side of the railroad. The building will be 74x100 feet, and will have 100 looms and 3,000 spindles. The capital stock will be $50,000, with the privilege of increasing to $200,000. Nearly all the stock has already been subscribed. Many Concord colored people have subscribed stock to be paid up in work.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— "'Tis Greece, but living Greece no more," could not very well be said just now. The little kingdom, famous from time immemorial, seems to very much alive, indeed, to the Cretan situation.—*Richmond Dispatch, Dem.*

—— Col. Pruden, who has for many years been the White House secretary or clerk has asked to be retained, and will probably hold on to his job. He is apparently the indispensable man. Like Talleyrand, he prudently imitates the domestic cat in liking the premises more than the people in them.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

—— One of the most characteristic pieces of news developing from the collapse of the steel rail corner is the Cleveland telegram stating that the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company has been receiving $100,000 a year from the trust "not to make rails." The whole history of the objects of this trust and of every other is written in those four words.—*New York World, Dem.*

—— During the last calendar year the exports of American manufactures amounted in value to $253,688,527. The tariff fanatics seek to disparage this magnificent trade and its splendid evidence of American industrial superiority with the ridiculous assertion that the bulk of these exportations has been made at a loss. If such be the case, how vast must have been the former profits of the losers! The strange thing is that exporters should endure so enormous a loss merely for the sake of doing business!—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Editor—"You said these jokes were all original?

Scribble—"Yes, sir."

Editor—"With whom? Methuselah?" *Harper's Bazar.*

— "Prisoner at the bar," said his lordship solemnly, having donned the black cap, 'you will shortly have to appear before another and—perhaps—a better judge.—*Household Words.*

— An Effect: Mother—Johnnie, your face is very clean, but how did you get such dirty hands?

Johnnie (smartly)—Washin' me face, mamma.—*New York World.*

— "Anything turned up yet?" asked the friend.

"Nothing but the noses of everybody I tackle," said the man who was looking for a place.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

Suitor—Do you mean to say that your daughter hasn't told you that she was engaged to me?

Mother—No. I told her not to bother me with those affairs unless she intended to get married.—*Life.*

— Mr. Hanover Squeer—"I see our friend Morris Parke, poor fellow, is obliged to get along with a second-hand typewriter."

Mr. Bleeker Street—"Indeed, what kind?"

Mr. Hanover Squeer—"Widow."—*Boston Traveler.*

— Miss Passay—"I think this talk about appendicitis is all nonsense. Why, when I was a child I used to swallow grape seeds and all sorts of things without the slightest bad effect."

Miss Rosebud—"Yes, but you must remember that appendicitis hadn't been invented then."—*Brooklyn Life.*

—"My mither sent me to see if you wad gie her a calendar like the one you gied to Mrs. Mackey," said a boy to a grocer in the village. But, my little boy," replied the grocer, "your mother does not get her groceries here." "No," replied the boy, "but she borrows them from Mrs. Mackay who gets them frae you."—*Household Words.*

—"Might I ask," said a lady from South America, "why that plain person at the far side of the room arrogates unto herself so many airs?" "She is a Daughter of the Revolution," said the one interrogated, in awed tones. "Her ancestors fought in the Revolution." "Oh," said the lady from South America, "I myself am a daughter of seventeen of them."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

BY TELEPHONE.

Scene—Office. A clerk writing at a table. A telephone inclosed in a sort of wardrobe. Enter Maude Harrison and a strong perfume of violettes de Parme. She is smartly dressed and seems rather nervous.

The Clerk (looking up)—Yes, miss.

Maude—Oh, I—I beg your pardon. You know Mr. Gosling Greene?

The Clerk—Yes; he's one of our clients.

Maude—Oh, is he? Well (simpering), I don't know what you'll think of me, I'm sure, but I want to telephone to him.

Clerk—Very well, miss. Step in there. She goes into a sort of wardrobe.

Maude—How nervous I feel! I haven't heard his voice for a fortnight and now to hear it like this! I wish I could kiss him by telephone; it would be nicer sometimes. (She puts two ivory cups to her ears.) Seven hundred and ninety-one, please, if the gentleman's there. (A pause.) Who is it? Its sounds like a parrot. * * * Yes, dear, of course, it's me. You told me to come at 9 o'clock, only I didn't know your voice. Are you quite well? Why haven't you written me? * * * So busy as all that? Poor dear! Still, you might have sent just a line. You know how anxious I am. * * * Oh, you can't expect me to believe that. I'm not quite a fool, whatever you may think. * * * I'm sure I'm not losing my temper. It's you that's doing that. What is it you want, Reggie? * * * A surprise for me! Oh, you darling, what is it? * * * To be married! (Puzzled.) Yes, I know, dear. But have you told your people about it? * * * Your mother? Oh, the darling; how I shall love her! * * * Tell me exactly what she said, dear. * * * What? Say it again. I didn't hear it. * * * Not to me! Reggie, you can't mean that—you only say it to try my love for you. After all you've said and (crying) all the letters you've written to me. * * * But I couldn't send them back, dear; I value them more than anything. I know them by heart—such darling letters. * * * I don't want them. I've nothing to be ashamed of in mine. You're behaving shamefully, Reggie, and I won't be treated like this. What have I ever done? Haven't I always loved you and done all you told me—and— * * * What do I care for Henderson? That was before I knew you, and I've never seen him since—hardly. * * * Oh, don't go in that way. Do you want me to hate you? (Softening.) Reggie, dear, you don't mean it, do you? Don't you remember what you said that evening at 'Enley, when * * * How dare you? I don't drop my H's—it's this beastly telephone drops them on the way and if you only want to insult me— Oh, Reggie, you've broken my 'art—heart. (She sobs into the telephone).

The Clerk—Have you finished?

Maude—Yes. (Speaking into the telephone.) I won't cry any more because I know you're having some fun with me, dear.

The Clerk—You're only allowed five minutes.

Maude—I haven't been crying five minutes. (Again speaking into the telephone.) Oh, I beg pardon! Please put me on 791 again. * * * Not heard a word I've been saying! Why, I haven't been saying anything! I've been talking to the office. * * * And you talk of money! Do you think money can repay me for the way I've loved you? It's that that makes it so hard, because you did love me once, if you don't now. Don't you remember that night at H—enley, when we got away from ma and went along the towing path in the moonlight, and you kissed me under the— * * * I'm sure you can if you like. It's because you won't. (Shouting.) Don't—you remember—that—and night—at—Henley— * * * No; I shan't break the telephone, and I shall shout if you't can't hear me without. (With much solemnity.) Reggie, I shall die of this, and you'll have killed me, but (with sudden passion) do you think I'll stand it? No; I'll shoot you and then myself like that girl did in— * * * No; I know I can't do it through a telephone. You coward, that's why you dare to insult me like this! (Softening.) And I'd begun to buy my things, or at least to think about what I'd buy! It is hard— * * * Of course it isn't a question of money—not at all—but I shall see my lawyer at once, all the same. * * * Five thousand pounds? * * * Only £500! Certainly not! (With dignity.) Mr. Greene, I shall bring an action against you for breach of promise tomorrow—do you hear, tomorrow. * * * (Dropping the handles.) Deuce take the man! How does he know that? (Shouting.) It's false—it's a lie! I never did. * * * You can't have proofs! It's false! Oh, Reggie, say you don't believe it of me and—and— (Sobbing.) * * * I'm not making your end all wet. Fancy a man who can make fun of a poor girl at a time like this! Reggie, if I take that money, will you say you don't believe it? * * * Take it or leave it! Then I will take it sooner than have anything more to do with such a mean, despicable, horrid— * * * Oh, no! Only just begun—despicable, cowardly—

The Clerk—You're cut off.

Maude—Cut off! Call him back, please!

The Clerk—Have you done?

Maude—No, I tell you! Please tell him from me that I despise him, and—

The Telephone—Burr, burr!

Maude—Oh, it's no use! What a beastly invention, to be sure! Well, one comfort is, I can write and tell him what I think about him! (Exit.)—Black and White.

A Human Bone That Never Decays.

In olden times it was believed that the little triangular bone at the lower extremity of the spinal column in the human subject could not be destroyed. The old Jewish rabbis taught that it was "incorruptible" and furthermore that it was the seat of the soul. In other words, they believed it to contain the germ from which the "new man" (or woman) would spring at the time of the resurrection. There is an old Jewish tradition to the effect that the emperor Hadrian doubted that the bone was indestructible and incorruptible, and demanded that a certain person who was teaching that doctrine should prove it. Lightfoot (see Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, title "Luz") relates the result of the test in the following: "When Joshua Ben Hananiah prepared to present his proof to the emperor, he took the bone lus and put it into water, but the water did not affect it; he put it in fire, but the fire consumed it not. Next he put it in a mill, but the mill would not grind it. Then he laid it on an anvil, but no hammer could be found large enough to crush it." This superstition lingers today in the modern anatomical name of that bone, which is "os sacrum," meaning "sacred bone."—St. Louis Republic.

Neglecting His Duties.

"John," said the eminent statesman, "it has been more than a week since I said something real bright. Are you aware of that?"

"Y-yes, sir," stammered the hireling.

"I'll give you three days more, and if I haven't uttered something corruscatingly brilliant by that time I'll have to get another press agent, that's all! You hear me!"—Indianapolis Journal.

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HIS CONVERSION.

They were sitting in the smoking room of a Chicago hotel, eight or ten of them, mostly drummers. Perhaps it was the wreathing smoke that inclined their souls to ghostly converse. For the last hour they had been telling tales of the supernatural—hardly one who had not some well authenticated story of a ghostly visitant or a dream warning, hardly one of them who pretended to be telling a personal experience, but all were ready to admit that there are more things in heaven and earth than can be explained by any philosophy.

"Guess we all admit that, don't we, boys?"

"All but Jim Parker, here," replied one of the "boys." "He hasn't a grain of superstition in his makeup. He doesn't admit the existence of anything in heaven above or earth beneath or the waters that be under the earth unless it's tangible and reasonable as well as audible and visible. Do you, Jim?"

Jim turned around. He looked the sort of man who has not "a grain of superstition in his makeup."

"Don't know about that, Harris. Guess you and I haven't traveled together for two or three years, have we?"

"Not since the World's fair summer."

"Well, it was that September that I was converted. Tell you 'bout it, if you like."

They all liked, and he told them.

"You boys have often chaffed me," he began, "because I always take the same rooms here if I can get them—the 'bridal suit' on the sixth floor. Don't you suppose I know as well as any of you that only a married man accompanied by his wife and eight small children can afford to take a bridal suit? But I have an affection for those rooms, and you aren't likely to guy me out of it. When I came here near the end of August, 1893, the hotel was so full that I had to take those or nothing, and naturally decided to take those.

"On the night of Sept. 6, which should have been the last night of my stay here, I had a most unpleasant dream. I dreamed I was in a little country churchyard. I didn't remember that I had ever been there before. Two men were digging a grave. I stood idly watching them, wondering for whom they dug it. One of them looked at his watch. 'Time we were off,' he said; then to me: 'Come, sir, get in. We're waiting for you.' I drew back in horror. 'No; I won't get in. I don't want to get in.' 'You're all we're waitin for, sir. Hurry up. Can't stop all day.' And he reached out his hand to draw me in. But I broke away, shouting: 'No; I'm not coming! Let me be!'

"The effort to escape woke me up, but the impression did not pass with the dream. I could still see the churchyard and the houses near by and hear in the distance the shriek of a passing train. Then the boy knocked at my door to warn me that I had a train to catch and must get up. I scrambled through my breakfast and got over to the station. There I found that I had a few minutes to wait. I ran across a friend, Johnson Bowen, at that time manager at the Cosmopolitan theater. You remember him, of course? We walked up and down alongside of the train, chatting and smoking. A boy came out and spoke to my companion, and he, with a word of apology to me, followed him on the train, shouting back: 'See you later, Jim. Be on the smoker.'

"Left alone, I sauntered forward to the engine. The engineer was pottering about his little cab. Something about the man struck me as familiar and unpleasant. He turned. No, I didn't know him, but I was sure I had seen him. I faced back, puzzled. I passed the baggage car and had reached the rear end of the smoker when the conductor pulled out his watch and exclaimed, 'Time we were off.' Then to me: 'Come, sir, get in. We're waiting for you.'

"Where had I heard those words before? I glanced at the conductor. To my horror I saw the face of one of the men who in my dream had been digging my grave. I started back, muttering: 'No, I won't get in. I tell you I don't want to get in.' 'You're all we're waiting for, sir. Hurry up; can't stop all day.' And he held out his hand to help me, for the train was starting. But I broke away from him, shouting, 'No, I'm not coming; let me be, I tell you.'

"The train pulled out of the station. I realized with disgust that I had missed an appointment that evening with a big customer at Louisville all on account of a dream. I came back to the hotel. The clerk sympathized with me for having missed my train, but did not see how I had managed to do it.

"Within three hours the boys were shouting on the street: 'Extry paper! Awful railroad disaster! Full account of the collision! Many lives lost!' It was at 8 o'clock that the train pulled out of Chicago, leaving me on the platform. It was at 8:45 that that train, 'the Flier,' as it was called, collided head on with a milk train. Nearly all the occupants of the smoker, in which I certainly should have been had I been on the train at all, were more or less injured. Nearly a dozen were killed. Among these were the man to whom I had been talking and the boy who called him away. I went out to One Hundred and Eighth street, the scene of the wreck, and found that the little village there, Coleour, I believe they call it, was the village of my dream. I was not surprised. My conversion was complete. From that day to this I've had several grains of superstition in my makeup. And I always try to get that same 'bridal chamber,' though I'm not a married man, and I'm getting too old for any nonsense of that sort now."—Charles W. Slater in Chicago Herald.

Du Maurier's Career.

George Du Maurier is the son of a small "rentier" whose income was derived from the glass works at Anjou. His mother was an English woman. Du Maurier was born in France, lived in Belgium for a time, and when still quite young was taken to London. As a boy Du Maurier longed to become a musician, but, although he sings well, his voice has been ruined by excessive consumption of cigarettes. In spite of his inclination, George Du Maurier was brought up by his parents with the idea of adopting science as a profession. On the death of his father, the boy decided to follow art, however.

One day when drawing from a model the girl's head suddenly appeared to shrink to the size of a walnut. He clappd his hand over his left eye. It had failed him. He was thunderstruck. Notwithstanding the assurance of a doctor that the affliction would pass, the eyesight did not improve. Du Maurier lived in constant dread of blindness. This was the most tragic event of his life.

After a time he once more moved to London. From the outset success waited upon him. His first drawings for Punch were not good, but they were accepted. Later on in life he married and has now two sons, one in the army and the other on the stage. People often wonder whether the jokes that appear under Du Maurier's drawings are his own. This is true of the larger part of them. For the rest, they are sent in from various sources and turned and twisted about until they come into shape. He takes infinite trouble with his sketches and draws and redraws them many times.

"Please the pigs" is a corruption of "please the pyx," a receptacle used by clergy of the Roman faith to contain the host or sacred wafers.

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, recently appointed by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, has made his appointments for the first round, as follows:

Clinton circuit, at Keeners, February 13, 14.

Jacksonville and Richlands, at Jacksonville, February 20, 21.

Elizabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown, February 27, 28.

Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 6, 7.

Onslow circuit, at Queen's Creek, March 13, 14.

Brunswick circuit, at Concord, March 20, 21.

Columbus circuit, Evergreen, March 27, 28.

Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville (night), March 28.

Waccamaw circuit, Shiloh, March 30.

Magnolia circuit, Magnolia, April 3, 4.

Bladen circuit, at Bethlehem, April 10, 11.

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Wholesale Prices Current.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6
Standard		@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	13	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	6¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	4¾	@	5
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	4¾
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 30	@	1 40
New City, each	1 30	@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	24
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	38	@	40
Virginia Meal	40	@	43¾
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	90
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	20
Adamantine	9	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream	11	@	12
State		@	10
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	11	@	16
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@	11
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	$2 00	@	$3 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@	3 07
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	5 75	@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
Extra	4 25	@	5 00
FLOUR—℔ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 25
Straight		@	4 75
Fine Patent	5 00	@	5 75
GLUE—℔ ℔—		@	8¾
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White	41	@	42½
Car load, in bags—White	38	@	39
Oats, from a store	30	@	35½
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	40
Cow Peas	80	@	85
HIDES, ℔ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Eastern		@	1 00
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔		@	3
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	5	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@1	25
LUMBER (city sawed), ℔ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	13 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	32 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hhds		@	28
" " in bbls		@	30
Porto Rico, in hhds	27	@	30
" in bbls		@	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	13	@	14
" in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	13	@	
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut 60d basis	1 75	@1	85
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	9 00	@	9 25
Rump		@	8 75
Prime		@	8 75
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	12
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	75
Liverpool		@	80
Ashton		@	
American		@	90
On life ℔ Sacks	80	@	85
SHINGLES, 5-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 00
Cypress	1 60	@	2 50
Cypress Saps	3 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Grans		@	5¾
Standard A		@	5¾
White Ex. C		@	5¾
Extra C, Golden	4	@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	4
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	5 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ foot Shipping		@	12
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 00	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	5 00
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	4	@	4½
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	1 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	1 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, February 16.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1 50 per bbl for Strained and $1 55 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market quiet at 95 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nominal. No receipts. Nothing doing.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm 27½@36½c; rosin firm, $1 35, 1 80; tar firm, 90c; crude turpentine nothing doing.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	33
Rosin	349
Tar	172
Crude Turpentine	60

Receipts same day last year—5 casks spirits turpentine, 6 bbls rosin, 8 bbls tar, 00 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON

Market firm on a basis of 6¾c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4¾	cts ℔ ℔
Good Ordinary	5¾	" "
Low Middling	6¾	" "
Middling	6¾	" "
Good Middling	7 1-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 7¾c.

Receipts—89 bales; same day last year 191.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 55@60c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 65c; Fancy, 65@70c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 60@55c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 40 to 42 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—55@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $3.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $5.00 to 8.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, February 16—Evening.—Money on call to-day easy at 1½@1¾ per cent; last loan at 1½ per cent, closing offered at 1¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper was 3 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with the actual business in bankers bills at 485@485½ for sixty days; 487@487½ for demand. Commercial bills 483½@484½. Government bonds were higher; United States coupon fours 113; United States twos 95½. State bonds dull; North Carolina fours 101; North Carolina sixes 123. Railroad bonds strong.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was steady.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, February 16—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 7 1-16c.

Cotton futures—market closed steady; February 6 82, March 6 83, April 6 89 May 6 94, June 7 00, July 7 05 August 7 06, September 6 81, October 6 72, November 6 74, December 6 79. Sales 185,100 bales.

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My spirit soars despite grim walls and bars
And singeth when it sees the mystic stars,
And when soft moonbeams, kind, aslant have shined,
As though my cloistered soul they had divined,

When cooling zephyrs herald day in east,
And bird throats answer make from tree and wine
To deeper song my soul doth e'er incline
And longs at matins to assist as priest,
Alas, I may not join the vocal feast!

Rich clustered jewels pass my thought in train,
Which lose their order ere they reach my tongue;
Only their shadowed form by me is sung.
Conceived in pleasure, told, alas, in pain,
As some wild bird is captured, but when slain!

Not alway in a prison wall of clay
Shall I my poor restricted song deplore;
Beyond the paths ethereal clouds explore,
When sunset leaves ajar its opal door,
I'll sing, unfettered, at the dawn of day.
—Arthur Howard Hall.

WINNING THE WIDDER

"It grieves me all fired copious," observed Uncle Cy Clay, gravely contemplating the quarter section of pancake poised on the end of his fork, "t' see th' flirtatious carryin's on o' this yere yaller headed schoolmarm an Doc Everett, more especial as she is already spoke for by Jimmy Duval, an doc is knowed t' be th' only husban an father of a' interestin lectle fambly of 's own, back in Ioway. But, then—well, well, they's no 'countin f'r th' actions of th' female sect, more like ef they happ'ns t' be o' th' flirtatious v'riety, an they most all be.

"I'r'member one female in p'ticl'ar," he continued after sending a large swallow of hot coffee in the wake of the departed piece of pancake—"I r'member one th't was sho' 'nough scand'lous 'xample o' what cur'us notions th' sect will take an th' onaccountable things they all 'll do.

"'Twas back in Wyoming, in '67—time o' th' Sweetwater 'xcitem'nt, ye know. Well, me an my two pardners 'd be'n minin out yere in Californy awhile, an was doin well 'nough, but jest's soon's th' rush come along it was 'up stakes' with us, same's a lot o' other fool miners, an off we goes t' th' Sweetwater country, ole Bill Heatwole an me an Ben—Ben Haskins, he was th' youngest o' us, an chockful o' th' ole Harry's ever any boy you ever seen. But white? That boy was white, he sho' was, ef ever a white man lived. Ef 'e hadn't 'e 'a' be'n yere now, more'n likely.

"At Sweetwater, th' Widder Buck kep' a boardin house, an we all boards with 'er, an we fed high too. But, say, that widder was th' purtiest leetle creature ye ever seen. Wa'n't more'n 24 'r 25, an had rosy cheeks an eyes th't 'd just set y'r heart a-thumpin—black's any coal an bright's di'm'nds. Well, she did sho' drive th' boys crazy, an they wa'n't hardly one o' 'em th't wa'n't wild t' be th' landlord o' th't there bean joint. Th' wust o' it all was th't they wa'n't none o' 'em but what, one time 'r 'nother, was dead sure he was goin t' s'ceed th'lamented Buck, which was gone b'fore 'bout three years back—f'r ef they ever was a sho' 'nough flirt, 'twas th't same Widder Buck. She'd take up an smile sweet t' ev'ry new man th't showed up, ontell she had 'im on th' string good an hard. Then f'r th' next.

"But w'en our Ben jumps in an begins makin love in real ser'us shape, we all begins to calc'late th't th' bloomin widder is sho' ketched a lot, an reckons they's goin t' be some splicin did in that there camp b'fore Chris'mas—w'en all of a suddint, along comes a lawyer chap hailin from Salt Lake an puts up 't th' Hotel de Widder Buck, thereby causin a hull lot o' grief in camp, 'cause he hops in immediate an begins makin love t' th' landlady, her makin no 'bjections as anybody knowed of.

"Yere's where Ben makes a dead wrong play; f'r, 'nstead of stickin to 'is guns, 'e right off makes a jealous break 'r two, causin a row wi' th' widder, quite natural. Then off goes Ben an hires out t' th' gove'nm'nt f'r a scout—'bout that time th' U. P. road was bein built, an th' Ogalalla Sioux was makin 'emselves real onpleasant, chargin round an liftin section han's' hair an sech like playful leetle tricks. So, 's I says, Ben goes off in a huff an leaves th' runnin t' this yere Salt Lake maverick as calls 'isself 'Jedge' Sherman an puts an a hull lot o' bogus airs an talks book English. Say, it jest made us sick—it sho' did—th' way that there couple spooned round. They was sev'ral o' th' boys th't jest ached t' git Sherman intuh a argymint an kill 'im up a lot, but they never got no chance—th' Jedge was too foxy, he was, an too smooth t' get intuh open trouble.

"Jest about Chris'mas time th' Injuns let up a few an lays low, th' weather bein some cold an too many sojers round them parts, an one mornin th' widder gives it out th't she lays t' go over t' Green River an enjoy 'erself a lot—she was f'ever beatin 'bout 'all work an no play.' So, next day, off she an th' Jedge goes, with a greaser named Manuel drivin th' muel team. They'd jest got across th' South Fork an was, persoomable, quite comf'table an happy, w'en, all of a suddint, Manuel lets out a screech an jumps out of th' wagon, hollerin th't Injuns was comin. Sherman looks out an sees a cloud o' dust 'bout two mile away (they wa'n't no snow on th' ground), an he jumps out, too, an in a holy second him an that greaser had them muels out loose an was aboard 'em hittin the trail real swift f'r Green River. 'Course th' widder screeched after 'em, but, turn round?—none whatever. W'y, that tarnal skunk didn't even wave 'is hand!

"Well, th' widder sits an weeps quite copious f'r awhile, an then makes up 'er mind th't she don't perpose t' stay there an get scalped—none whatever. So she piles out o' th' wagon an makes a sneak t' git under th' bank an then travels up toward th' dus' cloud, figgerin th' Injuns 'd be most likely t' look down stream instead of up, but w'en th' Injuns comes clost, high, low and b'hold! They hain't no Injuns at all, but some o' Gen'ral Augur's troops a-drivin in strap stock, an Ben was with 'em.

"Well, o' course they tackles on t' th' widder's wagon an heads f'r Green River, mad a hull lot t' think a male critter callin 'isself a man 'd run away an leave a woman t' be scalped by Ogallalas—an they all agreen t' make it dam hot f'r Sherman ef he's ketchable. Ben, he didn't say much, but purty quick 'e rides alongside th' sergeant an speaks t' 'im, real quiet, an 'fore long he's a chasin off on a side trail t' git intuh Green River first, 'fore th' troopers come.

"Sherman was in th' barroom o' th' hotel, tellin how the'd be'n ambushed an th' widder killed at th' first shot an how him an th' greaser'd fit aff tried t' save 'er body, w'en in walks Ben, 'is face's white's Sherman's an 'is eyes a-blazin. Sherman knowed in a minute th't Ben was after him, an he reached f'r 'is gun, but Ben was too quick, an covered 'im.

"'Hol' on,' says he. 'You dam scoundrel, I ought t' kill ye where ye set, but I hain't no coward, an I fights fair whoever with—even a cur th't runs away an leaves a woman t' be scalped an murdered by Indians.' And he goes on an tells th' crowd about wh't Sherman had did. O' course ev'rybody wanted t' hop in an do s'm' ropework, wi' th' jedge figgerin as 'It,' but Ben wouldn't have it, none at all.

"'No, gents,' says he, 'it don't go. I b'lieves in givin all kinds a fair shake. I gives it out th't I perpose t' git th' gent, but I does it fair, an gives him th' same show as me. Step outside yere, dam ye, an fight!'

"Sherman begged an pleaded a hull lot, but it didn't go, an after gittin a few swift kicks fr'm some o' th' gang, ont he walks, wobblin lots in th' knees and shakin all over, an lines up in th' street. Cheyenne Pike was master o' ceremonies. 'Twenty paces, gents,' says he. 'Shoot an advance a shootin. Air ye ready? One, two, three—fire!'

"How 'twas did, nobody ever even guessed. Ben was 'e good a shot as they was in Wyoming. Maybe th' Jedge was, too; but he was so shaky they say he c'd hardly hold his gun. Anyways, they was only four 'r five shots took—then pore ole Ben throws up 'is han's an drops—Sherman'd got 'im in th' forehead, slick an clean.

"While they was pickin Ben up an carryin 'im inside, Sherman got lost in th' shuffle. Ef he hadn't, he'd 'a' sho' be'n killed. But he sneaks off an lays low som'eres an nobody sees 'im ontell late that day.

"'Bout supper time one o' th' boys comes rushin intuh th' Eagle Bird c'nsid'ble flustrated. 'Wha' d'ye think, boys?' says he, w'en he ketched 'is breath. 'Th' Widder Buck and that skunk Sherman is spliced!'

"'O' course th' gang thinks he's joshin an snorts at 'im quite a lot, but he sticks t' th' story. 'Yessir,' he says, 'they was tied up an hour ago b' Jedge Billings. It's straight.'

"An so it was. Pore Ben wa'n't even stiff, n'r they hadn't got 'im laid out, b'fore that son of a gun an th' widder was hitched duly 'cordin t' law. O' course th' boys shivereed 'em, and then give 'em three hours t' leave town, but that didn't do no good. Jedge Sherman had the widder an 'er wad, an pore ole Ben gits nothin but a bang up funeral an six feet o' dirt t' lay in.

"All th' ole gang th't went intuh th' Sweetwater rush r'members all about this yarn; an, say, I'll bet they wa'n't one o' 'em but what's b'en more 'r less leary o' widders sence then. They're mighty queer sort o' cattle, these women folks, an I gives 'em up."—Exchange.

IN A JUNGLE STORM.

Where the Rain Comes Down Like Bullets and All Is Darkness.

People who have never been in a jungle talk of the sky as a painter talks of the horizon or a seafaring man of the offing—as if when you wanted to see it you only need use your eyes. But in the jungle you don't see the sky—at least you only see a few scraggy patches of it overhead through the openings in the twigs and leaves. Neither do you feel the wind blowing, nor get burned and dazzled by the sun, nor even see that luminary, except by momentary glimpses about midday, from which it follows that a jungleman does not usually pretend to be weatherwise. If he does, he is even a greater humbug than the rest of the weather prophets. On the afternoon about which we are speaking I remember setting forth on my walk in the still glow of the tropical calm and wondering rather at the intense stillness of the surrounding forest. Then the air grew cooler and the green of the foliage in front seemed to deepen, and presently there was a sound as of a giant waterfall in the distance. Waterfalls do not, however, grow louder every second, whereas the nose in front did so. Then there was a loud, angry growl as of a dozen lions. A minute more and the whole jungle began to roar as if 50 squadrons of heavy cavalry were coming up at a gallop. Then came a drop of rain and a peal of thunder which seemed to make the world stop.

Then the storm began. The sky above darkened; the trees clattered; the brushwood beneath hissed and bowed itself. A deluge of raindrops blotted out the narrow view. Down it came, soaking through the densest leaves under which one fled for refuge, striking the grass and sand with millions of dull thuds, dashing furiously against the leaves as if they were so many hostile shields, streaking the air with innumerable perpendicular lines and hurling itself down with the force of bullets. In such a downpour one may as well walk and get wet as stand still and get wet. Unfortunately one did not know where to walk to. The "circumbendibus system" presupposes the fact that the wagon wheels and bullock tracks can be seen and noted, but when the cart track is no longer a cart track, but "all turned to rushing waters," such tracks cannot be seen, and unless you have a pocket compass you may as well try to fly as to get back to where you came from. When one reads of travelers lost in the backwoods, they always steer by the sun and probably very badly, but when there is no sun what are you to do?—Current Literature.

Two Principles.

Nothing is more certain than that our manners, our civilization and all the good things which are connected with civilization have, in this European world of ours, depended for ages upon two principles and were indeed the result of both combined—I mean the spirit of a gentleman and the spirit of religion.—Burke.

Precedents For Title Hunters.

The objection raised by a section of the American press against the frequency of marriages between Yankee "millionairesses" and British and other European "pauper" noblemen recalls the circumstance that in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries it was the custom for American gentlemen, descendants of those old English families who had escaped the Elizabethan and Caroline persecutions and settled in the States, to come to England in search of wives.

Occasionally, too, the American girl found her husband in the old country. Thus in 1824 the three lovely Misses Carroll of Carrollton, Baltimore, made their debut in London society and took the town by storm. They did more; they carried off the best prizes in the matrimonial market of the period by becoming respectively Duchess of Leeds, Marchioness of Wellesley and Baroness Stafford. The most beautiful of "the three graces," as they were popularly called, however, first married Sir Felton Harvey and only became Duchess of Leeds in 1827. She died in 1874. These ladies may be said to have been the pioneers of those fair daughters of Columbia who have selected titled mates in the "old countries."—London Chronicle.

Helgoland Soup.

What do the Helgolanders do with their birds? Some are sent away to the Hamburg market, and the rest kept for home consumption. Roasting before a slow fire, with the trail on, over toast, is practically an unknown art, or at least one rarely practiced. Everything goes into the pot for soup. "Trosselsoup" is an institution much lauded. Mr. Gatke tells us how it should be prepared. Take care to commit some 40 or 50 thrushes, according to the requirements of the family, to the soup pot, and do not have the fattest birds drawn, and if the cook is a true artist, no one will fail to ask a second helping. A favorite Helgoland dish is kittiwake pie. In November and December these gulls are very fat, and when prepared in Helgolandish fashion are considered a delicacy, although a somewhat fishy one. The gray crow is also a very favorite dish.—Chambers' Journal.

The Sagacious Detective.

The detective stood looking up and down the street for a clew. The man who is always at his elbow taking stenographic notes of his conversation for publication inquired eagerly:

"Do you see anything?"

"Yes; there is some one standing on that sunshiny corner."

"Zounds! So there is!"

"He is either a dude or a prizefighter."

"How do you know that?"

"He is smoking a cigarette. In five minutes I will tell you which he is."

"Impossible!"

"It is very simple. If he is a dude, he will be unable to think of anything to say. If he is a prizefighter, he will be unable to stop talking."—Washington Star.

Something to Depend On.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from the first dose, and half-dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

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BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER OF SALE contained in a mortgage made by Isabella Farrior to the North Carolina Home Building Association, recorded in Book No. 16, page 197 of the records of New Hanover County, the undersigned will sell to cash, to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the Court House door in the City of Wilmington, N. C., on Tuesday, the 9th of February, 1897, at 12 o'clock M., the following lot of land in said city to-wit: Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Seventh street 128 feet north of the northern line of Church street, runs thence east parallel with Church street 150 feet to Wilcox street, thence north with the west line of Wilcox street 32 feet, thence west parallel with Church street 150 feet to east line of Seventh street, thence south with said line of Seventh street 32 feet to the beginning.
JOHN D. BELLAMY,
Attorney for Mortgagee.

W., N. & N. Railway.

In Effect Sunday, May 17, 1896
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

NORTH BOUND		STATIONS.	SOUTH BOUND	
No. 53	No. 55		No. 54	No. 56
A M	P M	—WILMINGTON—	P M	P M
7 00	2 00	Lv...Mulberry street...Ar	12 40	
7 00	2 10	Lv... Surry street ...Ar	12 30	3 25
9 50		Ar...Jacksonville ...Lv		12 05
11 00	3 50	Lv...Maple ...Ar	10 45	10 35
11 05	4 00	Lv...Maysville ...Lv	10 09	9 18
12 30	4 44	Lv...Pollocksville ...Lv	9 56	8 00
1 30	5 15	Ar...Newbern ...Lv	9 20	8 00
P M			A M	

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H. A. WHITING,
General Manager.
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Traffic Manager. may 22 tf

Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad

Time Table.

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST.			GOING WEST.	
No. 2 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday.		STATIONS.	No. 4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday.	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 20	Goldsboro	11 25	.....
.....	4 12	Kinston	10 30	.....
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 37	9 10
6 37	6 45	Morehead City	8 01	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 25 a m, and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 3.00 p m, and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.
Train 2 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 5.00 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.
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DISPATCHES FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.30 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.55 a m, Warsaw 11.11 a m, Goldsboro 12.01 p m, Wilson 12.46 p m, Rocky Mount 1.39 p m, Tarboro 2.30 p m, Weldon 3.39 p m, Petersburg 5.14 p m, Richmond 6.50 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.10 p m, Baltimore 12.53 a m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.33 a m, †Boston 2.00 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.58 p m, Weldon 1.44 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.14 a m, Richmond 4.30 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.02 a m, New York 1.05 p m, Boston 8.30 p m.

SOUTHBOUND:

DAILY 2.39 P M — No. 35—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.38 p m, Chadbourn 5.04 p m, Marion 6.05 p m, Florence 6.40 p m, Sumter 8.46 p m, Columbia 10.05 p m, Denmark 6.30 a m, Augusta 9.10 a m, Macon 11.50 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.20 p m, Savannah 12.50 a m, Jacksonville 7.30 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 5.45 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 9.45 PM — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 p m, *New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 2.40 a m, Weldon 11.50 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12.48 p m, Wilson 1.32 p m, Goldsboro 2.10 p m, Warsaw 4.03 p m, Magnolia 4.16 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 7.13 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.35 p m, Washington 3.45 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 9.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.30 p m, Weldon 5.43 p m, †Tarboro 6.06 p m, Rocky Mount 6.45 a m, leave Wilson 8.30 a m, Goldsboro 7.03 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.16 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.15 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.35 a m, Sanford 2.19 p m, Jacksonville 7.00 p m Savannah 12.45 night, Charleston 5.30 a m, Columbia 5.50 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 3.45 p m, Denmark 4.55 p m, Sumter 6.45 a m, Florence 8.55 a m, Marion 9.31 a m, Chadbourn 10.35 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.06 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.10 p m, Halifax 4.56 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.30 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7.50 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.53 a m, Greenville 8.51 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11.27 a m, Weldon 11.41 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 5.30 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 6.40 p m, returning leaves Parmele 10.10 a m and 6.30 p m, arrives Washington 11.35 a m and 7.30 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.50 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.15 a m, Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 a m; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.20 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10.25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 9 a m, Nashville 9.35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9.55 a m; daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.35 a m and 4.10 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 5.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9.10 a m, arrive Lanta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9 43 a m, Rowland 10 00 a m, returning leaves Rowland 3.38 p m, arrives Dillon 3.56 p m, Lanta 4.09 p m, Pee Dee 4.30 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 6.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.00 p m, leave Conway 2 30 p m, Chadbourn 5.30 p m, arrive Hub 8.00 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 43 p m, Manning 7.10 p m, arrive Lane's 7 45 p m, leave Lanes 8.50 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.30 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.20 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 5 p m, arrive Lanes 9.35 a m, 5.35 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Conway and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 8 55 a m, arrive Darlington 9 28 a m, Cheraw 10 40 a m. Wednesday 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 3.10 p m, arrive Darlington 3.40 p m, Hartsville 9 15 p m, Bennettsville 9 56 p m, Gibson 10 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 a m, arrive Darlington 9.37 a m, Hartsville 10 10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 30 a m, arrive Darlington 7 15 a m, leave Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 15 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 5 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 27 p m, arrive Florence 6 55 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 7 a m, Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 10 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.05 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 3.50 p m, Smithfield 2.55 p m, Dunn 3.36 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m. 1.10 a m, Rowland 5.35 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11.30 a m, 10.30 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.45 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.45 p m, 12.10 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 30 a m, Creston 5 21 a m, arrive Denmark 6 30 a m. Retur

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 17, 1897

THE DEATH PENALTY.

Two Murderers Hanged at Clayton, Mo.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 16.—Two men met death on the gallows in the jail at Clayton, a subarb of this city, shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. The first to pay the death penalty was Peter Schmidt, a pale-faced 18-year old lad, and the other was Samuel Foster, a big burly negro, aged about 30 years.

Schmidt mounted the scaffold steps with a firm tread and mained a stubborn attitude throughout the preliminaries to the execution. The drop fell at 7.05 o'clock, and in 12 minutes he was pronounced dead. The body was cut down and the scaffold was again prepared for Foster. At 7.30 the latter, who had occupied the early morning hours in alternately singing hymns and praying for mercy, was led out into the jail yard. He trembled violently and had to be supported up the steps. The trap was sprung at about 7.40 and the execution was successful.

The pair, in company with John Schmidt, a cousin of Peter, waylaid a young artist named Atwaler, who was on his way to visit his sweetheart. Atwaler resisted and was shot dead within a short distance of his sweetheart's door. John Schmidt will be hanged March 18 for his share in the crime.

VALUABLE DOCUMENTS

Stolen From the Congressional Library Recovered.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Chief Hazen, of the Treasury Secret Service, received to-day from officers in New York 350 separate letters, documents, commissions, land patents, old English warrants, etc, which it is alleged were stolen by young Turner from the United States Congressional Library. These papers are yellow with age and very valuable. Some date far beyond 1700 and contain the autographs of King George II of England, of Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Livingston, of British Prime Ministers and others distinguished in their generation in politics. Nearly all the papers show evidence of having recently been cut from books in which they had been pasted. Chief Hazen says more than five hundred of these papers were stolen, but the exact number cannot be told until the volumes that contained these precious literary treasures are examined. The batch this morning was recovered through a gentleman from New York, who received them by express from Turner from Washington. Turner's handwriting has been identified on the cover of the package.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Wheat to day worked its way back to where it was prior to the fright caused by the Cretan situation. The news from Europe this morning was more peaceful and as an indication of the absence of alarm Liverpool had lost its advance. May wheat opened from 74½@74¾c, sold between 74⅝ and 78⅝c, closing at 74c—1¼@1⅜c under yesterday. Cash wheat was weak and 1@1¼c lower.

Corn—The retrogression in wheat prices had the effect of weakening corn during the morning and the decline then made failed to be recovered later. May corn opened at 33¾c, declined to 33⅝@33½c, closing at 33½c bid—⅝@¾c under yesterday. Cash corn was steady at yesterday's decline.

A large excess in the number of hogs received this morning over the number estimated carried prices at the yards lower. Provisions were weak in sympathy and were likewise depressed by the weakness of wheat. May pork closed 17½c lower, May lard 7½c lower and May ribs 10c lower.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The *Sun* says Spot cotton here advanced 1-16c, with sales of 328 bales for spinning; 100 bales were delivered on contract. Middling uplands 7 1-16c, against 7⅝c last year.

The trading to-day was fairly active and the fluctuations in prices were frequent, with the tendency upward. The news was in the main of a bullish character. Liverpool was higher and buying orders were received from that market; the European political situation was decidedly better, the receipts at the ports and interior towns were light and some local shorts covered. Then, too, Manchester private advices were favorable and Liverpool reported a good demand there for Continental accounts. There was a slight reaction after the opening transactions, due to realizing sales, but subsequently prices advanced again, the market closing steady at about the best prices of the day, with the near deliveries showing the most strength.

FAST TIME

Made by a Train Between Chicago and Denver.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DENVER, COL., February 16.—H. J. Mahan, who took a special train from Chicago yesterday morning, hoping to reach the bedside of his only son before death came to him, arrived this morning, nearly four hours too late. The special run between the two cities was marvellous, the distance of 1,026 miles being made in eighteen hours and fifty-two minutes. The last three hundred miles this morning, with a climb of nearly a mile in the air, was made at the rate of fifty-seven miles an hour. Young Mahan died just as his father entered Colorado.

Secrtary Carlisle, Postmaster General Wilson and the mempers of the Virginia Congressional delegation left Washington at 10 o'clock yesterday morning for Winchester, Va., to attend the funeral of the late John Randolph Tucker, which occurred there yesterday afternoon.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feruary 16.—Rosin quiet; strained common to good $1 70. Spirits turpentine steady at 29@29¼c.

CHARLESTON, February 16.—Spirits turpentine firm at 26c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales of — barrels; A, B, C $1 40, D, E $1 45, F $1 45, G $1 50, H $1 85, I $1 80, K $1 80, M $1 85, N $1 85, W.G $1 90, W W $2 15.

SAVANNAH, Februaiv 16.—Spirits turpentine firm at 26c, with sales 500 casks; receipts 257 casks. Rosin quiet and unchanged; sales — barrels; receipts 3 061 barrels.

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CONGRESS YESTERDAY.

MR. CHANDLER SPEAKS IN FAVOR OF BIMETALLISM IN THE SENATE.

Final Action Hoped for on the Arbitration Treaty To-day—The House Refuses to Pass a Pension Bill Over the President's Veto.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—In the Senate to-day Mr. Chandler, of New Hampshire, Republican, spoke for three hours in support of his resolution declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that the United States should not permanently acquiesce in the single gold standard, and he succeeded in gaining and keeping the attention of Senators from the opening to the close of the speech. He attributed the fall of values in this and other countries for the last twenty years to the progressive steps in the demonetization of silver, and estimated the depreciation of property in the United States since the census of 1890, when it was given at $15,000,000,000 at 35 per cent. He asked whether such continuous shrinkage of property and increasing burden of debt could be endured without widespread bankruptcy. If it had not been for the fortunate balance of trade in favor of the United States in 1896, there would have been, he asserted, a cataclysm in this country which would have prostrated all interests.

"To the system of bimetallism from which we departed," he said, "we must return, and I trust that we are already on the road." He quoted Senator Sherman's speech on silver in 1876, in which it was said that nothing but the act of God could prevent the use of both gold and silver among the nations of mankind, and he trustfully anticipated the aid which Mr. Sherman would give to the cause of bimetallism as the leader of the new administration. He declared his belief that the new administration could, by wise designs and virtuous deeds, prolong indefinitely the ascendancy of the Republican party; but said that if it should content itself with seizing and enjoying the spoils of office, treating bimetallism as a "juggling humbug," the tide of political battle would be once more turned against the Republicans and they would soon exchange places with their now sore, bleeding and prostrate foes. "Unsettled questions," he closed by saying, "pay no heed to the repose of nations. Be wise to-day; 'tis madness to defer."

Mr. Sherman gave notice that he would move to go into executive session to-morrow on the arbitration treaty, and that he hoped then to get final action on it.

The Bankruptcy bill was taken up and Mr. Hoar, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, pleaded for it in a half hour's speech. No action was taken, and the Senate at 5 30 p. m. adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Coffin of Maryland, Republican, after an unimportant question about the rules had been disposed of, moved to pass over the President's veto, the bill to pension at $80.00 a month, the widow of Peter H. Allabach, a veteran of the Mexican war, who in the latter years of his life was chief of the capitol police.

Mr. Loud of California, Republican, in antagonizing the proposed passage of the bill over the veto, declared his belief that it was futile to attempt to stop the House "in its mad career. He asserted that the services of the deceased soldier were neither conspicuous nor gallant. The vote resulted: Yeas, 115; nays, 79. Two-thirds not voting in the affirmative, the bill failed to pass over the veto.

The House then took and passed the bill to regulate and make uniform the jurisdiction of United States Circuit Courts in cases brought for the infringement of letters patent. It gives jurisdiction to the courts in the circuits where the defendant lives, or where he may have committed acts of infringement or has established business.

The House at 4 45 adjourned until to-morrow.

TICKET SCALPING.

Proposed Bill Makes It Unlawful for Any One to Sell Railroad Tickets Except Persons Authorized by Companies.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The anti-scalping bill was reported to the Senate this morning with several material amendments, none of which, however, have been antagonized by the railroad companies. The bill, as amended, makes it unlawful for any one to sell railroad tickets except persons authorized by such companies by proper certificate so to do. A single exception permits the purchaser of a ticket, in good faith, for personal use in the prosecution of a journey, to sell the ticket he has purchased.

The original bill provides that railroad companies shall redeem, upon presentation at the general office of the road issuing a ticket, any part of such ticket as may be unused by the purchaser, at a rate equal to the differences between the rate paid for a whole ticket and the cost of a ticket of the same class between the points for which it was actually used. An amendment made to this requires the railroad companies to redeem the whole ticket in like manner in the event that the purchaser should be unable to use it. Another provision for the protection of brokers who may have a stock of tickets on hand requires all roads to redeem every legal ticket outstanding within thirty days after the passage of the act. The forging of railroad tickets is made a felony, punishable by a fine of not more than $3,000 for each offence and imprisonment for not more than two years.

FLANAGAN MURDER TRIAL.

Testimony Introduced to Prove that the Prisoner Is Insane.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., February 16.—The defence in the Flanagan murder trial at Decatur continued introducing testimony to-day to prove that the prisoner is insane. Letters written by the prisoner to relatives were introduced to show his fondness for young girls of eleven or twelve years. He repeatedly declared that he wanted to marry one of that age. Flanagan made a statement himself, speaking for more than two hours, and he said that he was deeply in love with Lelia Allen, who was about eleven years old. He asked her mother to allow her to marry him, promising to give her $1,500. The mother agreed when the girl grew older. Allen, the father, would not consent. Flanagan said. He took the child everywhere and bought presents for her. This occurred during the Summer and Fall of 1896. Finally he believed that he was being watched. He suspected that Allen wanted to get his money. This determined him to kill Allen and escape. So he shot Allen and the two women, killing the latter. Flanagan said that he did not know he was shooting the women. He thought some one was holding him. The experts were not called to-day.

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GREEK OCCUPATION

IS PROCLAIMED OF THE ISLAND OF CRETE.

Popular Admiration Excited in Italy by the Action of Greece—All Business in Canea Suspended.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, February 16.—A dispatch from Athens to the *Evining News* says that Greek troops have landed at the Bay of Kolymharia.

Col. Vassos, the commander of the Greek forces in Crete, has issued the following proclamation: "Cretans: You are suffering from the present state of anarchy and are exposed to the excesses of a fanatical populace, excesses which have awakened the national sentiment and have deeply stirred the Hellenic people. This lamentable situation of a people of the same race and the same religion, having common destinies with ourselves, could not any longer be allowed to exist. The King of the Hellenes has resolved to end this state of things by proclaiming a Greek occupation of the island.

"In making this proclamation, I promise, in the name of King George, to protect the lives, honor and property of the inhabitants without distinction of religion or nationality, and to respect the religious convictions of the inhabitants, while bringing to them peace and law."

ROME, Feb. 15.—The bold action of Greece in attempting to solve the Cretan question with the sword has excited popular admiration everywhere in Italy, and a great philio-Crete agitation is being carried on throughout the country. The sympathies of the people are entirely with the Cretan Christians in their struggle to throw off the yoke of Moslem rule, and this sympathy is taking practical form.

Many young men whose enthusiasm has been aroused by the heroism of the Cretan Christians and the bold defiance of Turkey by the Greeks have volunteered to serve with the Christians, and numbers of them have already started for Crete.

ATHENS, Feb. 16.—Advices received from Crete say that none of the foreign warships in Cretan waters has landed any men, except at Canea. As the Greek troops that were landed at Akrotiri were not hindered by the Powers in debarking, it is believed here that the Powers recognize the right of Greece to intervene in Crete.

CANEA, February 16.—Gen. Bor, who was in command of the gendarmerie at Canea, formally notified Col. Vassos, commanding the Greek troops at Akrotiri, yesterday of the joint occupation of Crete by the Powers. To this notification the Greek Colonel replied: "I am ordered to occupy the island and must carry out my orders until I receive other instructions."

All business in Canea is suspended except that of a manufacturer of coffins, the demands upon whose wares have largely increased.

Fighting is still going on at Akrotiri and Selino, but it is confined to Turks and Christians. The Greek troops which were landed on the island have not yet been engaged in battle.

ATHENS, Feb. 16.—The first definite news of a Greek victory in Crete was received this evening and the wildest enthusiasm followed the intelligence.

The Greeks, it is said, attacked and captured Fort Aghia, taking 400 Mussulmans prisoners. Among the number are one hundred Turkish troops, the remainder of the prisoners being Moslems who had refuged in the fort.

LONDON, February 16.—The Constantinople correspondent of the *Daily News* telegraphs that the Ministry of Marine has been ordered to prepare six vessels for sea service.

The *Daily Mail* will say to-morrow that the Powers have sent a collective note to Greece stating that unless the Grecian forces are withdrawn from Crete in forty-eight hours the Piræus will be blockaded and hostilities begun against Greece.

THE PRIZE FIGHTERS.

Corbett and Party Arrive At Carson City, Where He Will Go Into Training—Fitzsimmons Will Arrive This Week.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CARSON CITY, NEV., Feb. 16.—Corbett and party arrived here this morning. There was a large crowd at the depot, but the champion dropped off the rear of the train and was half way to the hotel before anybody knew he had alighted. After resting at the hotel he was driven out to inspect the training quarters at Shaw's Springs.

A sporting man who is very close to Stuart said yesterday that until the fighting manager can secure two first-class pugilists who will agree to do battle to a finish for a small purse, which must not exceed $2,500, there will not be a second attraction. Stuart figures that a second attraction will not bring any more people to Carson than the crowd that will be present on the 17th of March to see the championship battle, consequently he is not very anxious to match any of the champions unless they are willing to go in and scrap for the honor and glory that may be attached to a win.

RENO, NEV., Feb. 16.—Martin Julian, Fitzsimmons' manager, arrived from the East this morning and said that Fitzsimmons would arrive in Nevada this week. His training quarters have not yet been selected, but from remarks dropped Danberg's ranch, near Carson, will be the location. Julian said Fitzsimmons was in perfect condition. Referring to Sharkey's challenge to fight the winner, Julian said: "Should Fitzsimmons defeat Corbett Sharkey will be accommodated."

INDIANAPOLIS' MAYOR

To Be Arrested For Violating the Nicholson Temperance Law.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 16.—The leaders of the Good Citizens' movement have a large-sized sensation, which they propose to spring upon Mayor Taggart to-morrow. This they will do by having his Honor arrested upon the charge of violating the Nicholson temperance law. There has been a running dispute between the city administration and the Good Citizens' League, led by Eli F. Ritter and C. E. Nevlin, for two or three months, upon the question of whether or not the liquor laws were enforced. Last night the "Ritter spies," as they are called, happened into the Grand Hotel bar. Mayor Taggart is president of the hotel company and the active manager of the hostelry.

Attached to the bar are a couple of private rooms for special parties, and it was in one of these that His Honor was found after 11 o'clock entertaining four members of the Legislature and two or three other of his acquaintances in the Legislature. Mr. Nevlin was among the reconnoitering party, and has prepared the affidavit upon which the Mayor will be arrested. The members of the Legislature cannot be brought to time, for they enjoy immunity from arrest while the Assembly is in session.

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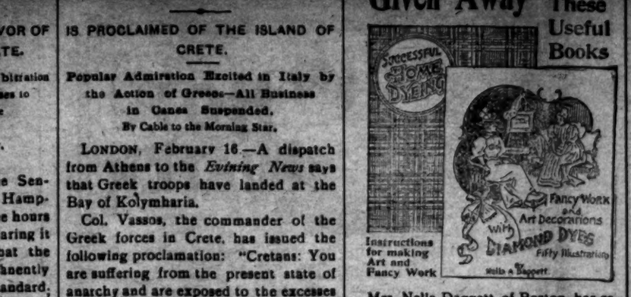

Mrs Nella Daggett, of Boston, has recently written a book, "Fancy Work and Art Decorations," that gives practical instructions for making dollies, table-covers, scarfs, tray-cloths, pin-cushions, etc., etc., with fifty illustrations. This book, together with "Successful Home Dyeing," will be sent free to any reader who will address "Diamond Dyes," Burlington, Vermont, inclosing a 2 cent stamp.

The above liberal offer is made to advertise the reliable Diamond Dyes, and to get their book upon home dyeing into the hands of women who want to dress well by making their old clothing look like new.

The fact that Diamond Dyes have been the standard home dyes for nearly twenty years, and that their sale increases from year to year, is proof positive that they have never had an equal.

AT LAST.

Arthur Duestrow, Who Killed His Wife and Child Three Years Ago, Hanged at St. Louis.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

UNION, MO., Feb. 16.—On a scaffold erected in the Franklin county jail yard in this village, under a clear and sunny sky, surrounded by about one hundred persons, the majority being physicians, newspaper men or deputy sheriffs, Arthur Duestrow, of St. Louis, was legally executed to-day for the murder of his wife and little son in that city three years ago.

Duestrow was in receipt of an income of $10,000 a year for life settled upon him by his father. He was studying medicine in St. Louis, but had practically given himself up to drink and the bawdy houses.

On the day of the murder he had made an engagement with his wife to take her sleigh-riding. When he went to keep his appointment he was drunk and quarrelsome and abused the servant who admitted him to the house. His wife endeavored to draw his attention from the servant, when he turned upon her, shot her four times and then held up their baby against the wall and put a bullet through his head.

A fortune has been spent in the effort to clear Duestrow on the ground of insanity. There have been five continuances, one mistrial, one appeal and one change of venue in the case. The case attracted wide attention and has established many precedents by court ruling upon insanity pleas in defence.

RAILROAD MEN

Meet in Charleston to Discuss Rate Questions in the Southeastern Territory.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., February 16.—A gathering of prominent railroad men was held here to-day at the Charleston Hotel. It was attended by W. W. Finley, vice president of the Southern; John M. Egan, of the Central of Georgia; T. K. Scott, of the Georgia Railroad; Reuben Foster, J. M. Culp, of the Southern; T. M. Emerson, of the Atlantic Coast Line; Cecil Gabbett, of the Georgia & Alabama; N. S. Pennington, of the Florida Central & Peninsula; F. B. Pappy, of the Plant system, D. F. Jack, of the Plant system; A. G. Jackson, of the Georgia Railroad, and G. B. Cleveland, of the Charleston & Western Carolina. The meeting was called by the three gentlemen mentioned first for the purpose of discussing rate questions in the Southeastern territory. The meeting lasted for several hours, but the gentlemen who attended it declined to say anything for publication on the ground that the business before them was of a routine and technical nature.

WARM WIRELETS.

May oats closed ½c lower. Cash oats were quiet and steady.

Gov. Bradley, of Kentucky, has fixed Saturday, March 20, as the date for the execution of Jackson and Walling.

The Rev. John N. Murdock, D. D., LL. D., honorary secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, died at Clifton Springs, N. Y., yesterday morning.

Secretary Herbert of the navy and party will leave here this afternoon via Atlantic Coast Line in a special car for Charleston, S. C., to witness the naval manœuvres of the North Atlantic squadron.

T. W. Hines & Co., manufacturers of ladies, straw and felt goods, at No 940 Broadway, New York and at Westboro, Mass., assigned yesterday. Liabilities, $120,000; actual assets propably $100,000.

John W. Sherman, a newspaper man of Lynchburg, Va., who mysteriously disappeared from there on December 15th, returned to-day with his wife, who had gone to Orangeburg, S. C., for him. It is said he was engaged in organizing amateur theatricals during his absence.

The rate commission of the Southern States Passenger Association has refused to extend the limits on tickets to the inauguration beyond March 8. New York merchants asked that the limit be extended to March 16, so that Southern buyers could go over to New York. The roads are afraid of the scalpers.

The Treasury Department late yesterday afternoon directed the collector of customs at Philadelphia to issue clearance papers for the Bermuda to sail, provided the proper affidavit of intention of sailing destination is made. This action is taken on advice of District Attorney Beck, of Philadelphia, who, under instructions from Washington, examined all the facts in the case.

Where Millionaires Congregate.

There are over 1,000 men in New York and Brooklyn, according to the latest returns, who are worth between $1,000,000 and $1,500,000 each, and the most of them are entirely unknown to the general public. Only two citizens of New York—John D. Rockefeller and W. W. Astor—are supposed to be worth more than $100,000,000 apiece, but there are nine who are each worth $50,000,000 and over as well as two estates of like amount. The total number of millionaires in these two cities is greater than in all the rest of the country.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Takes to It Naturally.

"Look at him!" cried the delighted Colorado silverite, watching his firstborn.

"What's he doing?" asked the neighbor.

"Doing! Just see how he is reaching for that spoon!"

"What of it?"

"Why, it's silver!"—Chicago Post.

Envy In the Garden.

"I have done nothing but blush all day," complained the rose, "and still that idiot of a poet goes on talking of the modest violet, as if there were not others."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

FROM FAYETTEVILLE.

Meeting of Citizens to Protest Against the Proposed Amendment to the Charter of the Town—Committee to Go to Raleigh to Lay the Matter Before the Legislature.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 15, '97.

At a meeting in the Town Hall of the citizens of Fayetteville, without regard to party affiliations, to give formal expression of their opposition to what is known as "The Police Bill" now pending in the Legislature for the appointment of a Police Board for the police control of the affairs of the city of Fayetteville. Maj. E. J. Hale was called to the chair, and H. I. McDuffie was requested to act as secretary. Mr. H. McD. Robinson announced in a neat speech the object of the meeting, and was followed by Mr. H. L. Cook in a patriotic speech. On motion, the following named gentlemen were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions to be forwarded to our members of the Legislature expressive of the sentiment of this meeting: Mr. H. McD. Robinson, Maj. Charles Haigh and Mr. H. R. Horne.

The committee, after short consultation, submitted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, a bill recently introduced in the General Assembly is in effect an annulment of the charter of this city; is a violation of that provision of the Federal Constitution which guarantees a republican form of government to each of the States, and inferentially, therefore, to sub-divisions of a State; and provides no remedy whatever for any evils or alleged evils of the present system of our city government—the citizens of Fayetteville in mass meeting assembled do resolve:

1st. That we have heard with regret and amazement of House Bill No. 718 entitled "An act to amend the Charter of Fayetteville," introduced at the present session of the General Assembly, and, without regard to politics or party affiliation, we most earnestly request and petition our Senator and Representatives not to urge and the members of the General Assembly not to pass said House Bill No. 718, as we regard said bill as inimical to the best interests of all the property holders and good citizens of our beloved city.

2d. That said bill is unnecessary, and will greatly enhance the expenses of the government of this city.

3d. That said bill practically disfranchises all of our citizens, by placing most of the important powers in the hands of a Police Board, not responsible to, and whose terms of office does not depend upon, the qualified electors.

4th. That we point with pride to the fact that while on January 1st, 1884, the debt of our town after compromise was $107,906 85, bearing 7 and 8 per cent. of interest, now the total debt of the city is only about $50,000, most of which ($35,000) runs for thirty years and bears only 5 per cent. interest.; that the city is in all respects in better condition at present than at any time within the past half century; that our streets and bridges are well attended to and our present police service efficient; and that the people of this city are on such good terms, the relations between the races so friendly and our people so law-abiding that, although we have upwards of 5,000 inhabitants, only four policemen, including the chief, are necessary to the preservation of good order.

5th. That there has been only one ticket run at any election since the city was chartered, in being the care of our people to see that good men are elected to the city offices.

6th. That the Boards of Aldermen and of Audit and Finance, under our charter, are elected by popular vote and receive no compensation, and up to the present time the management by these Boards has been clean and business like.

7th. That no one has charged, nor can the charge be sustained if made, that our elections have been in any way illegal or fraudulent.

8th. That a committee of not less than five nor more than ten be appointed by the chairman of this meeting to go at once to Raleigh to call the attention of the honorable General Assembly to the monstrous provisions of the bill in question.

9th. That a subscription be at once taken up by appointees of the chairman to defray the expenses of the said committee in going to and from Raleigh and for —— days' stay there; and

10th. That the said committee make report to an adjourned meeting subject to the call of the chairman of this meeting.

On motion the resolutions as offered by the committee were unanimously adopted.

On motion it was ordered that the resolutions adopted be published in the Daily *Observer*, and that a copy be sent to each member of the General Assembly. Said papers to be paid for and the expense of the committee be defrayed by this convention.

On motion, the chairman of this meeting was to be *ex officio* a member of said committee.

On motion, the editor of the *Observer* was tendered a vote of thanks for publishing in full the bill now pending before the Legislature, and to oppose the passage of which this meeting was called.

On motion, the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

H. EYE.

When the question of calling a constitutional convention came before the Alabama Senate yesterday the bill was laid on the table by a vote of 18 to 111.

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MARY F. VANAMRINGE,
jan 22 1m Executrix.

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